(c) Rent control is a State subject. However, this Ministry has been pursuing those State/UT Govts. who have not considered exemption, to consider exemption of Wakf properties from the operation of Rent Control Enactments in the respective State/UTs.

Extention of Public Premises Act to Wakf Properties

2541. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU) :

MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI :

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken to get the Public Premises Act extended to Wakf properties; and

(b) the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) to (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Assistance to Handicapped Persons

2542. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed by her Ministry to grant assistance to physically handicapped persons;

(b) whether the criteria has been revised; and

(c) the number of such persons who got assistance from her Ministry in the last three years; State-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) The Ministry grants financial assistance to non-governmental organizations under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary action for Persons with Disability and the Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for purchase/fitting of Aids and Appliances. Under these schemes assistance is considered on specific application from the non-governmental organizations for various projects in the area of education, training, rehabilitation services and provision of aids and appliances

for the disabled including physically handicapped persons. The broad criterion laid down in these schemes are with reference to eligibility, extent of assistance, procedure for submission of application and documents that need to accompany them etc. The criteria for assistance under the Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for purchase/fitting of Aids and Appliances is that full cost of the aid/appliance is given for those person with disabilities with income of and less than Rs. 5000 p.m.; and 50% cost for those whose income is Rs. 5001 to Rs. 8000 p.m.

Besides the above two schemes, loans are given to persons with disabilities by the National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation of this Ministry. The Corporation routes funds through the State Channelising agencies authorized by the State/UT Governments. The loan assistance is mainly meant to provide for self-employment, pursuance of higher studies, manufacturing of assistive devices, agricultural activities etc. The Eligibility criteria is that the extent of disability should be 40% or above with annual income which should not exceed Rs. 1,00,000 per annum in urban areas and Rs. 80,000 in rural areas.

(b) The schemes to promote voluntary action for persons with disabilities in its present from have been in operation since April 1999.

(c) As the scheme to provides for assistance to NGOs a statement indicating the total number of NGOs assisted under the above schemes during the last three years statewise, and the number of beneficiaries assisted under the Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Person for purchase/fitting of Aids and Appliances is given in the statement—

STATEMENT

Number of organisations assisted under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disability and Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Person for Purchase/fitting of Aids and Appliances

Name of the State	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Andhra Pradesh	57	82	87
Arunachal Pradesh	2	2	2
Assam	3	4	6
Bihar	20	25	23
Chandigarh	2	1	3

Name of the State	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Delhi	27	37	35
Goa	3	3	2
Gujarat	12	16	19
Haryana	22	28	25
Himachal Pradesh	3	2	2
Jammu & Kashmir	14	1	2
Karnataka	45	49	60
Kerala	38	46	62
Madhya Pradesh	12	16	19
Maharashtra	34	26	62
Manipur	4	4	11
Meghalaya	3	3	3
Mizoram	1	3	1
Orissa	11	13	25
Pondicherry	1	1	1
Punjab	24	20	21
Rajasthan	11	7	9
Tamil Nadu	34	32	71
Tripura	3	3	4
Uttar Pradesh	52	47	89
West Bengal	33	51	50
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	1	0
TOTAL	471	523	694

II.The total number of beneficiaries under the Scheme of Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/fitting of Aids and Appliances from 1996-97 upto 1998-99 is 2,47,074

III. State-wise : Loan assistance by NHFDC :

(As on 14-03-2000) *(Rs. in lakhs)*

Sl.No.	State	1997-98		1998-99		1999-2000	
		Benefi-ciaries	Amount	Benifi-ciaries	Amount	Benefi-ciaries	Amount
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11	25.55	50	22.73	113	94.55
2.	Gujarat	—	—	—	—	112	60.02
3.	Haryana	—	—	10	06.00	217	77.68
4.	Madhya Pradesh	—	—	130	50.00	364	144.83
5.	Orissa	—	—	40	14.40	197	79.40
6.	Rajasthan	—	—	—	—	18	12.19
7.	Chandigarh	—	—	—	—	12	7.03
8.	Lakshadweep	—	—	—	—	02	1.00
	TOTAL	11	25.55	230	93.13	1035	476.70

Restoration of Wakf Properties

2543. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU) :
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI :

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken/being taken for getting the Wakf properties restored to Wakf Boards from the Archaeological Survey of India;

(b) the progress made, so far; and

(c) by when all Wakf properties will be restored to Wakf Boards ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Teaching and Learning Material for Disabled

2544. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI :
MISS FRIDA TOPNO
SHRI SURESH KALMADI